

Appl. No. 10/770,913

Amended September 3, 2004

Reply to Office Action of August 3, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 19-29 and 35-38 were pending. Claims 1-18, 19-20, 30-34 and 35-38 have been canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 21-29 will be pending.

The claims were subjected to a restriction requirement. Specifically, the claims were restricted to the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 19-20, drawn to a surface mount production system.

Group II: Claims 21-29, drawn to a system for use within a surface mount production line having a conveyor.

Group III: Claims 35-38, drawn to a system for programming and assembling programmable device on printed circuit board.

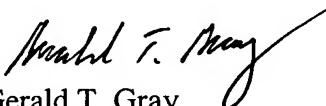
Applicants hereby elect Group II claims, specifically claims 21-29, for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-20 and 30-38 have been canceled. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to pursue prosecution of the canceled Group I, and III claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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